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# Legislature Began Investing in 1986

- Created the Public Works Board
- Created the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA)
- Established Mission

'Encourage self reliance of local governments in meeting their public works needs and assist in the financing of critical public works projects by making loans' (RCW 43.155)

## **Public Works Board Membership**

13-member Governor appointed Board

- 4 General public representative
- 3 County Representative recommended by WASAC
- 3 City Representatives recommended by AWC
- 2 Water/Sewer District Representatives recommeded by WASWD
- 1 PUD Representive recomended from WPUDA

## Legislature Dedicated Revenue to PWAA

- Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)
- Public Utility Tax on Water and Sewer
- Tax on Refuse Collection
- Loan Repayments (Principle & Interest)
- Interest on the account goes to Fund 887 CERB



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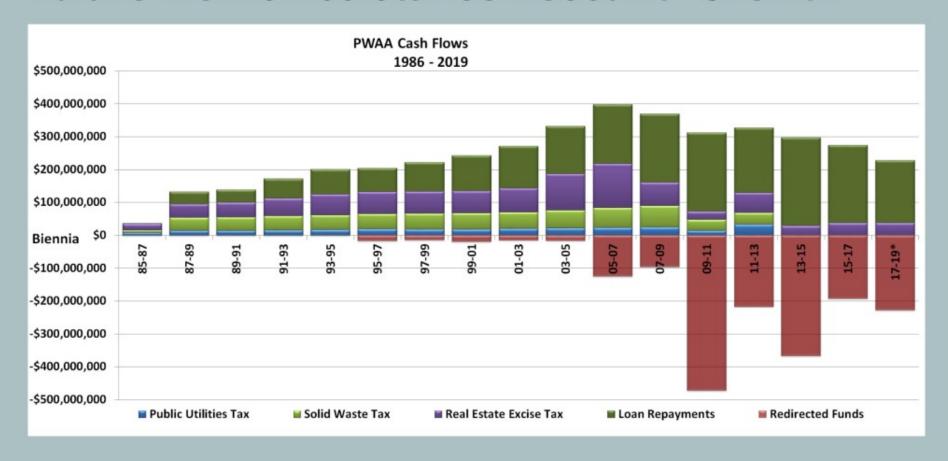
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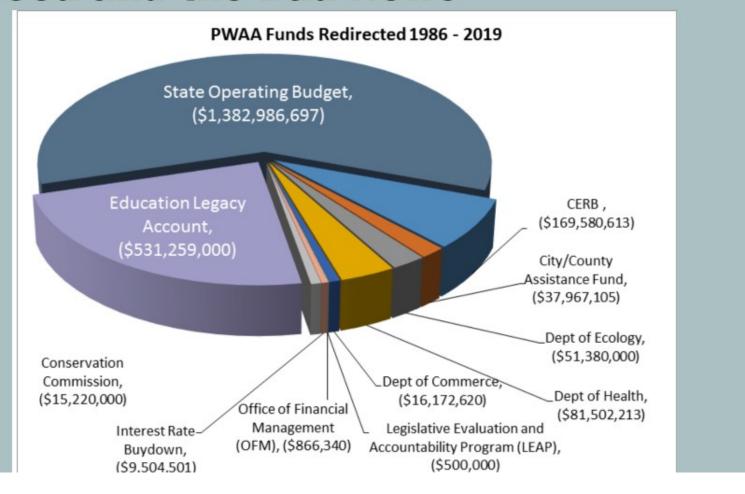
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## **Public Works Assistance Account - Growth**



## The Good and the Bad News





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## **Loan Programs Funded by PWAA**

- PWAA Construction Loan Program (1986)
- PWAA Planning Loan Program (1989)
- PWAA Emergency Loan Program (1989)
- PWAA Pre-Construction Loan Program (1996)

# **Eligible Applicants**

- Counties
- Cities
- Towns
- Special Purpose Districts

# **Eligible Systems**

- Domestic Water
- Sanitary Sewer
- Storm Sewer
- · Roads/Streets
- Bridges
- Solic Waste/Recycling

## **Legislative and Board Priorities**

- Protect public health and safety
- · Promote environmental health
- Maintain or improve system performance
- Promote economic development
- Resiliency
- Sustainability

## **Loan Terms and Interest Rates**

All Interest rates will start with a base of 50% of the average daily market rate for tax exempt municipal bonds. (30-60 days prior to offering a loan. Sample Interest Rates

Table 1 – Standard Rate for all Loans with a Repayment Period of 20 years or more					
Applicant Financial Status	Interest Rate	Examples assuming a 3.1% ADMR			
Standard base rate	50% of ADMR	3.1% x 50% = 1.6% Interest Rate			
Hardship	80% of Non-Distressed Rate	1.6% x 80% = 1.3% Interest Rate			
Extreme Hardship	50% of Non-Distressed Rate	1.6% x 50% = 0.8% Interest Rate			

Table 2 – Standard Rate for all Loans with a Repayment Period of <u>5 years or LESS</u>					
Applicant Financial Status	Interest Rate	Examples assuming a 3.1% ADMR			
Standard base rate	50% of ADMR	3.1% x 50% = 1.6% Interest Rate			
Hardship	80% of Non-Distressed Rate	1.6% x 80% = 1.3% Interest Rate			
Extreme Hardship	50% of Non-Distressed Rate	1.6% x 50% = 0.8% Interest Rate			

## **Hardship Determination**

The Board has the authority to provide reduced interest rates and extended loan repayment periods for all applicants that meet financial hardship criteria as measured by the **Affordability index (AI)** for rate based projects or **Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR)** for not rate based projects.

- All is used to gauge the level of a rate-based system's financial hardship. It measures the impact of the system debt at the individual level.
- DSCR is used to gauge the level of a non-rate-based system's financial hardship. It measures the impact of the system debt at the community level

## **Hardship Determination**

The Board has the authority to provide reduced interest rates and extended loan repayment periods for all applicants that meet financial hardship criteria as measured by the affordability index (AI) for rate based projects or Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) for non rate based projects.

Table 3 – Financial Hardship Ranges for all Loans with a Repayment Period of 20 years or more (construction projects)						
Non-Hardship Al Range	Interest Rate	Hardship Al Range	Interest Rate	Severe Hardship Al Range	Interest Rate	
0.0% - 2.0%	50% of ADMR	2.1% - 3.5%	80% of the non- hardship rate	3.5% 个	50% of non- hardship rate	
Non-Hardship DSCR Range	Interest Rate	Hardship DSCR Range	Interest Rate	Severe Hardship DSCR Range	Interest Rate	
1.5% ↑	50% of ADMR	1.4% - 1.2%	80% of the non hardship rate	1.0%↓	50% of non- hardship rate	

# **Funding Opportunites**

- Legislature recently authorized the Board to fund construction projects without Legislative approval.
- This will enable the Board to collaborate better with other funding sources (DOH and DOE)
- 4 funding windows a biennium for Construction funding (every 6 months)
  \$10 million limit
  - Funding available upon contract execution
- 12 funding windows a biennium for Pre-Construction funding (every other mo \$1 million limit
  - Funding available upon contract execution



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# Public Works Board -Helping one jurisdiction at at time

#### Technical Assistance

- One-on-One technical assistance in the field we go to them
- Funding Tech Teams
- Funding Webinars
- IACC Participation and Support

#### **Training**

- Regional Training Events
- Webinars
- IACC Participation and Support

## **Regional Trainings**

Events across the state - Bringing Funders, Technical Experts, and Communities together





Trainings that can be taken back to their community and used immediately

- Best practices
- · How others handled the same problems
- · How to meet program requirements



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## What has the Pubic Works Board done for Washington state

- 2,800 loans in 31 years
- Over \$2.8 Billion successfully invested in critical infrastructure
- Loans provided to all sizes of local governments
- Projects funded in every County of Washington state
- BROAD RANGE of loans: from \$1 million to \$10 million, with an average of \$6 million
- Selection of projects as ranked and scored according to the criteria outlined by law

#### SB 5981-Capital Budget (pending) Includes funding for:

- \$97.1 M loan list for 25 projects
- \$14 M-Pre-Construction Resources
- \$5 M-Emergency Resources



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# INTERAGENCY, MULTIJURISDICTIONAL, SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT TEAM (IMSIT)

HB 1677 - Directed the Board to Create and facilitate the Interagency Multijurisdictional System Improvement Team "IMSIT" In partnership with:

- Public Works Board
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Ecology
- Department of Health

## **Purpose**

Identify, Implement, and Report on System improvements that achieve the designated outcomes identified in ESHB 1677 (regarding infrastructure financing in Washington State)

Including mechanisms to ensure periodic, system-wide review and ongoing achievement of designated outcomes

Initial focus is on "Water"

- Drinking
- Sanitary
- Storm/Culverts

## **Purpose**

- Focus on achieving the designated outcomes within existing program structures
- Identify barriers and propose solutions
- Identify alternate financing mechanisms
- Including mechanisms to ensure periodic, system-wide review and ongoing achievement of designated outcomes
- · Provide briefings to the Public Works Board
- PWB will provide a report to the Legislature

## Who will participate in IMSIT?

IMSIT shall be made of the core group of the four agencies identified, and other

- State Agencies
- Federal Agencies
- Industry Associations
- End Users
- Industry Experts

# **IMSIT Scope of Work**

#### Using Lean Methods

- Streamline
- · Remove redundancies,
- Align funding cycles
- Align with State Priorities
- Standardize across agency, program, and state and federal when possible
- Identify Implement Report

## **IMSIT Outcomes**

- Sustainability
- Resiliency
- Increased Local Capacity and Accountability
- Better Communication
- · Better Collaboration
- Ease of Access
- Clear Roles and Responsibilities

## **Next Steps**

- Identify and work with other agencies, groups, and end users to achieve goals
- To enable compete transparency:
  - Develop page on Public Works Board website with all material developed
  - Develop Interested Parties list to disseminate information
- Gather input on gaps, barriers, and challenges
- Develop opportunities to work on individual gaps, barriers, and challenges, processes and develop solutions.
  - · Work Sessions in Olympia?
  - Work sessions around the state?



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